



GOVERNMENT OF GUAHAN



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Disabilities Council

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 10, 2014 11:00am – 2:00pm.

Pacific Star Resort & Spa

Guahan Room 2nd Floor

Tumon, Guam

Members Present:

Arcangel, Theresa MA
(represented by Janet Cruz)
Ayuyu, Judith
Cruz, Evelyn
Fejeran, Maylynn
Flores, Joyce
Guerrero, Josephine
Lau, Gabriel
Lizaga, Hikie
Manglona, Thomas
Mendiola, Lourdes

Ogo, Lisa
Parker, Harold
Puas, Moses
Servino, Benito
Torres, Carla
Tydingco, Erlinda (Lynn)

Public:

Evelyn Duenas
(former GDDC Member)
(Madaleine Fernandez PCA)
Mr. Fergurgur
(guest of Thomas Manglona)
PCA for Moses Puas

Members Absent:

Benavente, Katherine (Unexcused)
Bitanga, Lourdes (Unexcused)
Cabana, Rudy (Unexcused)
(represented by Agustin, Rick)
Camacho, Frank (Unexcused)
Eclavea, Rebecca (Excused)
Gombar, Michael (Unexcused)
Perry, Candice (Excused)
Tydingco, Andrew (Excused)
Tydingco, Catherine (Unexcused)
Vega, Rey (Unexcused)

Staff Present:

Ada, Rosanne S., Executive Director
Tedtaotao-Libria, Marie, PC-IV
Sayas, Ray S.N., PC-I

Meeting Chaired By:

Erlinda (Lynn) Tydingco

Call To Order:

The General Membership Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Lynn Tydingco, Chairperson.
Sign-up sheet will be used in lieu of roll call.

I. Review Minutes of September 10, 2014 meeting.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

MOVED: Hickie Lizaga

Seconded: Josephine Guerrero

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

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Notation: correction for minutes of 09/10/2014:

"Lynn asked Evelyn if she had an estimated figure of those who have Dementia. There are about ~~45~~ 50* who attend the Dementia Care. But not sure on the broader population as there are also underserved populations who do not attend."

**[note: Evelyn Cruz verbally noted later in GMM meeting of 12/10/14, after approval of minutes, that there are 50 Dementia Care]*

II. REPORTS:

Executive Director's Report: (Detailed report inserted in the folder)

- 1) Update on Conference on Guam's Disability Agenda from Advocates conducted on December 3, 2014 @ UOG Guerrero Building, (Room 129) – Sensitive terms discussed:
 - a. The term "Individual with a disability" was found to be an acceptable term and is also recommended in the 5-year state plan. Self-Advocacy was the most recommended.
 - b. Transportation Issues: "How is scheduling Prioritized?" – currently, this was not answered.
- 2) Mission of the GDDC
 - a. Handout issued to members as the next 5-year state plan needs to be developed.
 - b. The current State Plan defines 5 areas of emphasis (Major Goals): (1) Self Advocacy, (2) Transportation, (3) Education, (4) Employment, and (5) Emergency Preparedness.
 - c. Will be looking at scaling back on the 5 major areas to make it more workable. Recommended that the Standing Committees review the 5 areas for changes or addition for inclusion in the next 5-year State Plan.
- 3) Benito Servino clarified that the 2% law as per P.L. 24-16, under Employment, is being implemented by Division of Vocational Rehabilitation not the Division of Support Services.

Trip Report – SABE Conference, Oklahoma, 10/09/2014 – 10/12/2014:

- 1) Lynn Tydingco – Summary
 - a. GDDC supported the Self Advocates by paying for their Conference Registration fees. The 5-year State Plan does call for the support for Self Advocacy. The SABE Conference is the national conference for Self Advocates and it is held every two years. All 50 States and 6 Territories were represented at the Conference. Self Advocates who attended conference were Lynn Tydingco, Andrew Tydingco, and Stephen Madarang.
 - b. The theme of the Conference was "The Sooner We're Equal, The Better." Guam's presentation was called "Ensuring Equality Through Networking" and was broken into three parts: Andrew Tydingco talked about the Self Advocacy movement and its evolution into a formal organization.
 - c. Will be partnering up with Arizona and will share a Self Advocacy Grant that was awarded to them. Have also been invited to Oklahoma City to participate in their State Advocacy Organization Conference happening in October of next year of which Guam will make a presentation.
 - d. Guam also has the honor and distinction of being the first state recognized Self Advocacy Organization.
 - e. Additionally, Lynn Tydingco, through Mrs. Ada's local nomination, was inducted into the National Association of Councils for Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) in July 2014. Of the 50 States and 6 Territories, 13 leaders were nominated to include Guam. The "Leadership Circle" will be tasked with NACDD's E-Book on self advocacy. Lynn Tydingco will serve on this committee.
- 2) Marie Libria – Summary
 - a. The conference had over 800 participants.
 - b. All the break-out sessions were facilitated by the Self Advocates.

- c. A video of Guam's presentation will be forwarded to Guam from SABE.
- d. Recommends GDDC to support Self Advocates to attend the 2016 SABE Conference.

Standing Committee Report and Committee Meetings schedule for FY-2015:

1. Announcement: Raymond (Sal) Salas has resigned from the Council due to health issues. His Vice Chair for the Adult Issues Committee is Andrew Tydingco. He has accepted the leadership Chair for the Adult Committee.
2. Announcement: For the Children and Family Issues Committee, Carol Darlow did not renew her term with the Council due to health reasons. Lynn has asked Josephine Guerrero, who has accepted, to be the new Chairperson for the Children and Family Issues Committee.
3. Announcement: Harold (Hank) Park will be resigning as Chairperson for the Cross-Cutting Committee, but still stay on as a member to provide support.
4. Ray Sayas to send Council Members the list of members of each of the Standing Committees. From there, the Chairs can see who they would like to identify as their Vice Chair. For Hank's Committee, he would identify a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
5. Would like to have all Standing Committees formally organized by January 2015 and each committee submitting their projected meeting dates for FY-2015. This will be submitted to Marie who will distribute to all members.

Agency Report – Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA): Mr. Agustin of GRTA did not present and Agency Report will be scheduled at a later date. Mrs. Ada stated she had spoken with Mr. Agustin. He requested for members to be in the Appeals Committee. This committee will review the rider applications that were rejected and who have appealed their application to the committee. The committee will decide whether they should be accepted as a rider or not. Three members are needed and Mr. Agustin has asked Mrs. Ada, who has accepted, to be one of the members. Lynn Tydingco volunteered to be part of the Committee. Josie Guerrero additionally volunteered to be a part of the Committee. Mrs. Ada to advise Mr. Agustin.

Old Business:

1. GDDC Conference "Self Advocacy" – Sept. 27, 2014, Hyatt Regency Hotel – Lynn mentioned that Mrs. Ada had adequately summarized the conference earlier in the meeting. Marie discussed the Consumer Client Satisfaction Survey and Stakeholders Evaluation. These were the evaluations from the GDDC "Self Advocacy" Conference. The evaluation was very positive over all.
2. 2015 Transportation Forum - Tentative March 2015: Marie mentioned that we are working with UOG Professional International Programs to conduct an update of the forum that was held by UOG CEDDERS back in 2011. This 2015 Transportation Forum will be an update from the 2011 forum – what has happened since 2011 and where are we now. This is also part of our 5-year State Plan.

New Business:

1. 2015 Budget Partial Release of \$45,772.00 – Marie mentioned that this is what has currently been released by the Federal Government (see notice of award in folder). There is a tentative budget (report in the folder) which itemizes some of the projected projects.

MOTION: TO APPROVE PROPOSED BUGET

MOVED: Hickie Lizaga

SECONDED: Lourdes Mendiola

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

2. 2014 Program Performance Report – Due December 31, 2014: Marie working on the annual Program Performance Report due to AIDD at the end of the month. The report covers all the activities and projects that took place for the past year and how the funds were allocated. Marie has been involved with the webinars regarding the State Plan and PPRs. Marie mentioned that later down the line, she will be looking at having one of the council members volunteer to assist in keying in data into the DD Suite 5.0.
3. March 2015 – DD Awareness Month – Need AD-Hoc Committee: Lynn mentioned that at last year's event, we had an open house and hosted a number of activities and ended with a DD awareness party at the end of March. Andrew Tydingco had expressed in the last Executive Committee that he would like to take the role as the Chairperson of the AD-Hoc Committee provided that everybody participates. A lot of our stakeholders and sister organizations participated in last year's event. Sign-up sheet for membership to the AD-Hoc Committee passed out during the meeting. Only Council Members are eligible to be on the AD-Hoc Committee. Josephine Guerrero named as Vice Chairperson. Lynn mentioned that the venue is still being finalized by Andrew and also stated that by default if you are a member of the Executive Committee you are part of the AD-Hoc Committee. Lynn asked the Council if the last Saturday of March 2015 which is the 28th be locked in as the date of event. The following members signed up for the Committee:
 - ❖ Josie Guerrero
 - ❖ Lisa Ogo
 - ❖ Hiki Lazaga
 - ❖ Carol Cabiles (representing Hank Parker)
 - ❖ Gabriel Lau
 - ❖ Carla Torres
 - ❖ Moses Puas
 - ❖ Joyce Flores
 - ❖ Lourdes Mendiola
 - ❖ Thomas Manglona
 - ❖ Judith Ayuyu
 - ❖ Ben Servino
 - ❖ Andrew Tydingco

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DAY OF MARCH 28, 2015 FOR DD AWARENESS CELEBRATION EVENT.

MOVED: Josephine Guerrero

SECONDED: Lisa Ogo

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

4. State Plan 2017 – 2021 Preparation: Marie mentioned that Mrs. Ada discussed the 5 areas of the State Plan that we are implementing. This is in preparation of the next 5 year state plan and this is why it is important that the Standing Committees set up their schedules and hold their meetings to discuss the next 5-year State Plan. Currently in our 4th year and we need to start planning for next year.
5. Reprogram 2014 Funds - \$1,000.00: Marie mentioned that this is overlapping funds from the 2014 budget. The \$1,000.00 was approved by the Executive Committee because a down

UPS/Power Surge/Backup needed to be immediately replaced to protect office equipment.

6. Public Law 32-208 "Competitive Wage Act": Marie mentioned that this is a law already and that for Executive Director's, the Governor does have pervue over Cabinet Members. The Governor sets the salary for Cabinet Members. Mrs. Ada is up for an evaluation from the Council. Mrs. Ada's salary will move to the new Executive Pay Scale under the Competitive Wage Act. Under the Act, Mrs. Ada's pay will only increase by \$0.19 cents. Will have to work with The Front Office and The Council to see the best step that she can placed. The law allows the Governor the flexibility to move Mrs. Ada two or three grades up with the Council's Approval / Acknowledgement. Lynn mentioned that the Council normally conducts Mrs. Ada's evaluation during one of the summer meetings. However, because of the sequestration, we went from 6 to 4 meetings per year. Lynn asked the Council to schedule her evaluation in the next meeting in March 2015. Marie mentioned that the DD Act requires an annual evaluation. But if the Council receives a directive from the Governor that moves her step, it will be brought up with the Council.

Announcements:

- The Guam State Rehabilitation Council has a General Membership Meeting on Monday, December 22, 2014 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Coast360 Community Room in Maite.
- The DD Awareness Celebration Event (pending location) will on March 28, 2015.
- Carla Torres mentioned that the GSAT General Membership Meeting has been moved to January 27, 2015, same time, 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Also for the GSAT AT Fair (March 7, 2015) and AT Conference (March 27, 2015), if anyone is interested in participating in the planning committee, the next committee meets on January 6, 2015, 3:00pm to 4:30pm at GSAT.
- Lourdes Mesa mentioned that the next annual Autism Awareness Fair event will be on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Agana Shopping Center from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- Ben Servino stated that he brought to the meeting, Accessible Parking Brochures for Individuals with Disabilities, for anyone who would need them. Another brochure is being developed for Accessible Parking Guidelines for business and will be released next week. Ben also asked that if anyone on the Council has scheduled events, please send to him so that he can post to his agency website to let the community know and will also post on the government website.
- Josephine Guerrero mentioned that the Down Syndrome event "Celebrating Trisomy Chromosome 21" will be held on March 21, 2015. Venue and activities are still pending.

MOTION: ADJOURNMENT AT 1:08 PM

MOVED: Josie Guerrero

SECONDED: Hikie Lizaga

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

MARIE LIBRIA
GDGC STAFF

ERLINDA TYDINGCO
CHAIRPERSON

LISA OGO
COUNCIL SECRETARY